CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1. A method of dynamically controlling release of information on a network, the
- 2 method comprising:
- determining that protected information associated with a hand-held
- 4 wireless communication device is needed or requested by a remote network
- 5 entity; and
- 6 enabling a user of the hand-held wireless communication device to
- 7 dynamically control release of the protected information based on a result of said
- 8 determining.
- 1 2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein said enabling comprises using
- 2 Hypertext Transport Protocol (HTTP) to communicate with the wireless device.
- 1 3. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the protected information comprises
- 2 presence information relating to the hand-held wireless communication device.
- 4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the protected information comprises
- 2 location information relating to the hand-held wireless communication device.
- 1 5. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the protected information comprises
- 2 information identifying the hand-held wireless communication device or its user.
- 1 6. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the remote network entity is a remote

- 2 web-based application implemented on a wired network.
- 1 7. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein said enabling comprises presenting a
- 2 user interface on the hand-held wireless communication device to enable the
- 3 user to select from a plurality of options relating to release of the information.
- 8. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein said enabling comprises transmitting
- 2 second information to the hand-held wireless communication device over a
- 3 wireless network, the second information for use by the hand-held wireless
- 4 communication device to present a user interface to enable the user to select from
- 5 a plurality of options relating to release of the information.
- 9. A method as recited in claim 8, wherein said transmitting second information
- 2 to the hand-held wireless communication device over a wireless network
- 3 comprises transmitting the second information to the hand-held wireless
- 4 communication device over a wireless network using Hypertext Transport
- 5 Protocol (HTTP).
- 1 10. A hand-held wireless communication device comprising:
- 2 a processor;
- a transceiver to communicate with a remote device over a wireless
- 4 medium;
- 5 an input control;
- 6 an output device; and

- 7 a memory storing instructions which configure the processor to generate a
- 8 user interface on the output device to enable a user to use the input control to
- 9 dynamically control release of information associated with the hand-held
- 10 wireless communication device to a remote application.
 - 1 11. A hand-held wireless communication device as recited in claim 10, wherein
- 2 the information comprises presence information relating to the hand-held
- 3 wireless communication device.
- 1 12. A hand-held wireless communication device as recited in claim 10, wherein
- 2 the information comprises location information relating to the hand-held
- 3 wireless communication device.
- 1 13. A hand-held wireless communication device as recited in claim 10, wherein
- 2 the protected information comprises information identifying the hand-held
- 3 wireless communication device or its user.
- 1 14. A hand-held wireless communication device as recited in claim 10, wherein
- 2 the remote application is a remote web-based application implemented on a
- 3 wired network.
- 1 15. A hand-held wireless communication device as recited in claim 10, wherein
- 2 the user interface enables the user to dynamically control release of the
- 3 information in response to a request for the information.

- 1 16. A hand-held wireless communication device comprising:
- 2 transceiver means for communicating with a remote device over a
- 3 wireless medium; and
- 4 user interface means for enabling a user to dynamically control release of
- 5 information associated with the hand-held wireless communication device to a
- 6 remote application.
- 1 17. A hand-held wireless communication device as recited in claim 16, wherein
- 2 the information comprises presence information relating to the hand-held
- 3 wireless communication device.
- 1 18. A hand-held wireless communication device as recited in claim 16, wherein
- 2 the information comprises location information relating to the hand-held
- 3 wireless communication device.
- 1 19. A hand-held wireless communication device as recited in claim 16, wherein
- 2 the protected information comprises information identifying the hand-held
- 3 wireless communication device or its user.
- 1 20. A hand-held wireless communication device as recited in claim 16, wherein
- 2 the remote application is a remote web-based application implemented on a
- 3 wired network.
- 1 21. A hand-held wireless communication device as recited in claim 16, wherein

- 2 the user interface means comprises means for enabling the user to dynamically
- 3 control release of the information in response to a request for the information.
- 1 22. A machine readable program storage medium for use in a wireless hand-
- 2 held communications device, the storage medium storing sequences of
- 3 instructions, which when executed on the hand-held communications device,
- 4 cause the hand-held communications device to generate a user interface on a
- 5 display device of the hand-held communications device, to enable a user of the
- 6 hand-held communications device to use an input control of the hand-held
- 7 communications device to dynamically control release of information associated
- 8 with the hand-held wireless communication device to a remote application, in
- 9 response to a request for the information.
- 1 23. A machine readable program storage medium as recited in claim 22, wherein
- 2 the information comprises presence information relating to the hand-held
- 3 wireless communication device.
- 1 24. A machine readable program storage medium as recited in claim 22, wherein
- 2 the information comprises location information relating to the hand-held
- 3 wireless communication device.
- 1 25. A machine readable program storage medium as recited in claim 22, wherein
- 2 the protected information comprises information identifying the hand-held
- 3 wireless communication device or its user.

- 1 26. A method of dynamically controlling release of information on a network,
- 2 the method comprising:
- determining that protected information associated with a remote, hand-
- 4 held wireless communication device is needed or requested by another network
- 5 entity;
- 6 communicating with the hand-held wireless communication device to
- 7 allow a user of the hand hand-held wireless communication device to
- 8 dynamically control release of the protected information; and
- 9 releasing the protected information according to a result of said
- 10 communicating.
- 1 27. A method as recited in claim 26, wherein said communicating comprises
- 2 using Hypertext Transport Protocol (HTTP) to communicate with the hand-held
- 3 wireless communication device.
- 1 28. A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the protected information
- 2 comprises presence information relating to the hand-held wireless
- 3 communication device.
- 1 29. A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the protected information
- 2 comprises location information relating to the hand-held wireless
- 3 communication device.
- 1 30. A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the protected information

- 2 comprises information identifying the hand-held wireless communication device
- 3 or its user.
- 1 31. A method as recited in claim 26, further comprising operating as a proxy
- 2 between the hand hand-held wireless communication device and remote
- 3 applications.
- 1 32. A method as recited in claim 26, further comprising providing a gateway to
- 2 interface a wireless network on which the hand hand-held wireless
- 3 communication device operates with a wired network.
- 1 33. A method as recited in claim 26, further comprising:
- 2 operating as a proxy between the hand hand-held wireless
- 3 communication device and remote applications; and
- 4 providing a gateway to interface a wireless network on which the hand
- 5 hand-held wireless communication device operates with a wired network.
- 1 34. A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the network entity is a remote web-
- 2 based application implemented on a wired network.
- 1 35. A method as recited in claim 26, wherein said communicating with the hand-
- 2 held wireless communication device comprises transmitting second information
- 3 to the hand-held wireless communication device over a wireless network, the
- 4 second information for use by the hand-held wireless communication device to

- 5 present a user interface to enable the user to select from a plurality of options
- 6 relating to release of the information.
- 1 36. A method as recited in claim 26, wherein said determining that protected
- 2 information associated with a remote, hand-held wireless communication device
- 3 is needed by another network entity comprises
- 4 intercepting a request to the network entity from the hand-held wireless
- 5 communication device.
- 1 37. A method as recited in claim 26, wherein said determining that protected
- 2 information associated with a remote, hand-held wireless communication device
- 3 is needed by another network entity comprises
- 4 receiving a request for said information from the network entity.
- 1 38. A method as recited in claim 26, wherein said determining that protected
- 2 information associated with a remote, hand-held wireless communication device
- 3 is needed by another network entity comprises
- 4 receiving a communication from the network entity, wherein the
- 5 communication from the network entity is responsive to a request from the
- 6 hand-held wireless communication device to the network entity.
- 1 39. A method of dynamically controlling release of information on a network,
- 2 the method comprising:
- 3 receiving a communication from a remote application on a wired network,

- 4 the communication responsive to a prior request sent by a hand-held wireless
- 5 client device on a wireless network to the remote server;
- 6 determining, in response to the communication, that information
- 7 associated with the hand-held wireless client device is needed to fulfill the
- 8 request;
- 9 communicating with the hand-held wireless client device to allow a user
- 10 of the wireless device to dynamically control release of the information; and
- releasing the information to the remote application according to a result of
- 12 said communicating.
- 1 40. A method as recited in claim 39, wherein said communicating comprises
- 2 using Hypertext Transport Protocol (HTTP) to communicate with the hand-held
- 3 wireless client device.
- 1 41. A method as recited in claim 39, wherein said communicating with the hand-
- 2 held wireless client device comprises transmitting second information to the
- 3 hand-held wireless client device over the wireless network, the second
- 4 information for use by the hand-held wireless client device to present a user
- 5 interface to enable the user to select from a plurality of options relating to release
- 6 of the information.
- 1 42. A method of dynamically controlling release of information on a network,
- 2 the method comprising:

3	intercepting a request sent from a hand-held wireless client device over a
4	wireless network, the request directed to a remote application on a wired
5	network;
6	determining whether information associated with the hand-held wireless
7	client device is needed to fulfill the request;
8	if said information is required to fulfill the request, communicating with
9	the hand-held wireless client device to allow a user of the hand-held wireless
10	client device to dynamically control release of the information; and
11	releasing the information to the remote server according to a result of said
12	communicating.
1	43. A method as recited in claim 42, wherein said communicating with the hand-
2	held wireless client device comprises using Hypertext Transport Protocol (HTTP)
3	to communicate with the hand-held wireless client device.
1	44. A method as recited in claim 42, wherein said communicating with the hand-
2	held wireless client device comprises transmitting second information to the
3	hand-held wireless client device over the wireless network, the second
4	information for use by the hand-held wireless client device to present a user
5	interface to enable the user to select from a plurality of options relating to release
6	of the information.

1 45. A processing system comprising:

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2	a data communication device;
3	a processor; and
4	a memory storing instructions executable by the processor to cause the
5	processing system to execute a process comprising:
6	determining that protected information associated with a remote,
7	hand-held wireless communication device is needed or requested by another
8	network entity;
9	communicating with the hand-held wireless communication
10	device, using the data communication device, to allow a user of the hand hand-
11	held wireless communication device to dynamically control release of the
12	protected information; and
13	releasing the protected information according to a result of said
14	communicating.
1	46. A processing system as recited in claim 45, wherein the protected
2	information comprises presence information relating to the hand-held wireless
3	communication device.
1	47. A processing system as recited in claim 45, wherein the protected
2	information comprises location information relating to the hand-held wireless
3	communication device.

48. A processing system as recited in claim 45, further comprising a proxy server

- 2 to operate as a proxy between the hand hand-held wireless communication
- 3 device and remote applications.
- 1 49. A processing system as recited in claim 45, further comprising a gateway to
- 2 interface a wireless network on which the hand hand-held wireless
- 3 communication device operates with a wired network.
- 1 50. A processing system as recited in claim 45, further comprising:
- 2 a proxy server to operate as a proxy between the hand hand-held wireless
- 3 communication device and remote applications; and
- 4 a gateway to connect a wireless network on which the hand hand-held
- 5 wireless communication device operates with a wired network.
- 1 51. A processing system as recited in claim 45, wherein the network entity is a
- 2 remote web-based application implemented on a wired network.
- 1 52. A processing system as recited in claim 45, wherein said communicating
- 2 with the hand-held wireless communication device comprises transmitting
- 3 second information to the hand-held wireless communication device over a
- 4 wireless network, the second information for use by the hand-held wireless
- 5 communication device to present a user interface to enable the user to select from
- 6 a plurality of options relating to release of the information.
- 1 53. A processing system as recited in claim 45, wherein said determining that

- 2 protected information associated with a remote, hand-held wireless
- 3 communication device is needed by another network entity comprises
- 4 intercepting a request to the network entity from the hand-held wireless
- 5 communication device.
- 1 54. A processing system as recited in claim 45, wherein said determining that
- 2 protected information associated with a remote, hand-held wireless
- 3 communication device is needed by another network entity comprises
- 4 receiving a request for said information from the network entity.
- 1 55. A processing system as recited in claim 45, wherein said determining that
- 2 protected information associated with a remote, hand-held wireless
- 3 communication device is needed by another network entity comprises
- 4 receiving a communication from the network entity, wherein the
- 5 communication from the network entity is responsive to a request from the
- 6 hand-held wireless communication device to the network entity.
- 1 56. A machine readable program storage medium storing sequences of
- 2 instructions, which when executed on a processing system, cause the processing
- 3 system to perform a method comprising:
- 4 determining that protected information associated with a remote, hand-
- 5 held wireless communication device is needed or requested by another network
- 6 entity;

- communicating with the hand-held wireless communication device, using
 the data communication device, to allow a user of the hand hand-held wireless
 communication device to dynamically control release of the protected
 information; and
- releasing the protected information according to a result of said communicating.
 - 1 57. A machine readable program storage medium as recited in claim 56, wherein
- 2 the network entity is a remote web-based application implemented on a wired
- 3 network.
- 1 58. A machine readable program storage medium as recited in claim 56, wherein
- 2 said communicating with the hand-held wireless communication device
- 3 comprises transmitting second information to the hand-held wireless
- 4 communication device over a wireless network, the second information for use
- 5 by the hand-held wireless communication device to present a user interface to
- 6 enable the user to select from a plurality of options relating to release of the
- 7 information.
- 1 59. A machine readable program storage medium as recited in claim 56, wherein
- 2 said determining that protected information associated with a remote, hand-held
- 3 wireless communication device is needed by another network entity comprises
- 4 intercepting a request to the network entity from the hand-held wireless

5 communication device.

- 1 60. A machine readable program storage medium as recited in claim 56, wherein
- 2 said determining that protected information associated with a remote, hand-held
- 3 wireless communication device is needed by another network entity comprises
- 4 receiving a request for said information from the network entity.
- 1 61. A machine readable program storage medium as recited in claim 56, wherein
- 2 said determining that protected information associated with a remote, hand-held
- 3 wireless communication device is needed by another network entity comprises
- 4 receiving a communication from the network entity, wherein the
- 5 communication from the network entity is responsive to a request from the
- 6 hand-held wireless communication device to the network entity.